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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

- Please amend the paragraph, which begins on page 5, line 4, as follows:

The trading server 2 comprises a request input module 20; a control module 21 connected to the request input module 20, and having a storage interface 210, a schedule interface 211 and a retrieval interface 212; and an output control module 22 connected to the control module 21 and the terminal device 10. The database server 3 comprises a first database 30 and a second database 31, and is connected to the control module 21. In the trading server 2, an operation system e.g. a Windows 2000 Server can be employed for the manufacturer 1 to construct a desirable application program, such as the request input module 20 and the output control module 22, so as to allow the trading server 2 to transmit XML (Extensible Markup Language) data with a browser (not shown) of the terminal device 10 or with the database server 3 capable of processing the XML data. Moreover, a network development tool, such as IIS (internet information server) produced by Microsoft, is employed to put data in intranet or internet via HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol) or FTP (File Transfer Protocol) communication protocol, wherein HTTP allows a browsing web page to be connected to the application program, and FTP allows file transmission, i.e. data uploading or downloading, between the terminal device 10 and the database server 3. Furthermore, for example, ODBC (open database connectivity) software of Microsoft can be employed to construct a desirable application program, such as the control module 21, so as to connect the trading server 2 to the database server 3, for the purpose of database storage and retrieval. In addition, the database server 3 can also utilize the Windows 2000 Server operation system to enhance internal and external data exchange efficiency for the manufacturer 1. SQL Server software can be used for database sharing, so as to allow the manufacturer 1 to immediately realize operating conditions in manufacture. However, it should be noted that, the operation system and software installed in the trading server 2 and the database server 3 of the invention are not limited to Microsoft products, but can be other products having the same functions and properties.

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